

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT:

The claims have been amended as shown by [deletions] and insertions.

3. (Amended) The method of claim [I] 1 wherein [the] said first kind of ions is nitrogen ions, so as to form the buried layer as a buried nitride layer.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 and 21-33 are pending in the application.

Claims 2, 4-20 and 29-33 stand withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claim 1 is generic to all species. Applicant confirms the election of Species I, claim 28 without traverse.

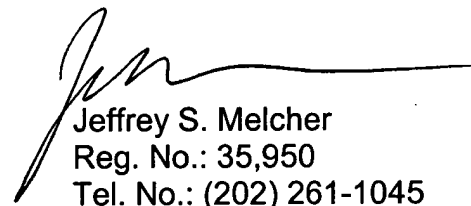
The amendment of claim 3 in Applicant's Amendment and Response filed on February 27, 2003 has been objected to since it contained language of original claim 3 and not claim 3 as amended on September 10, 2002. Applicant apologizes for the typographical error and requests that the Examiner ignore the amendment of claim 3 in the February 27, 2003 Amendment and Response and instead amend claim 3 as shown above. Claim 3 has been amended to replace "claim I" with "claim 1" and replace "the said" with "said" as requested by the Examiner on page 5 of the December 2, 2002 Office Action.

In view of all of the objections and rejections of record having been addressed, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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